

Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

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Key Results in 2020

39.1 million
people accessed safe water
**100% OF THE TARGETED
POPULATION**



**WATER, SANITATION
AND HYGIENE**

4 million
children with severe acute
malnutrition admitted to
treatment programmesⁱ



NUTRITION

47.2 million
children accessed mental
health and psychosocial
supportⁱⁱ



CHILD PROTECTION

17 million
children aged 6 months to
15 years vaccinated against
measles
**86% OF THE TARGETED
POPULATION**



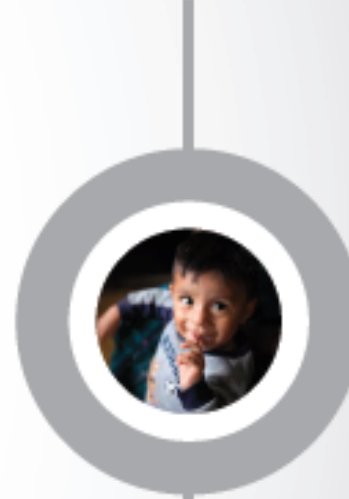
HEALTH

32.6 million
children accessed formal or
non-formal education, including
early learning
**68% OF THE TARGETED
POPULATION**



EDUCATION

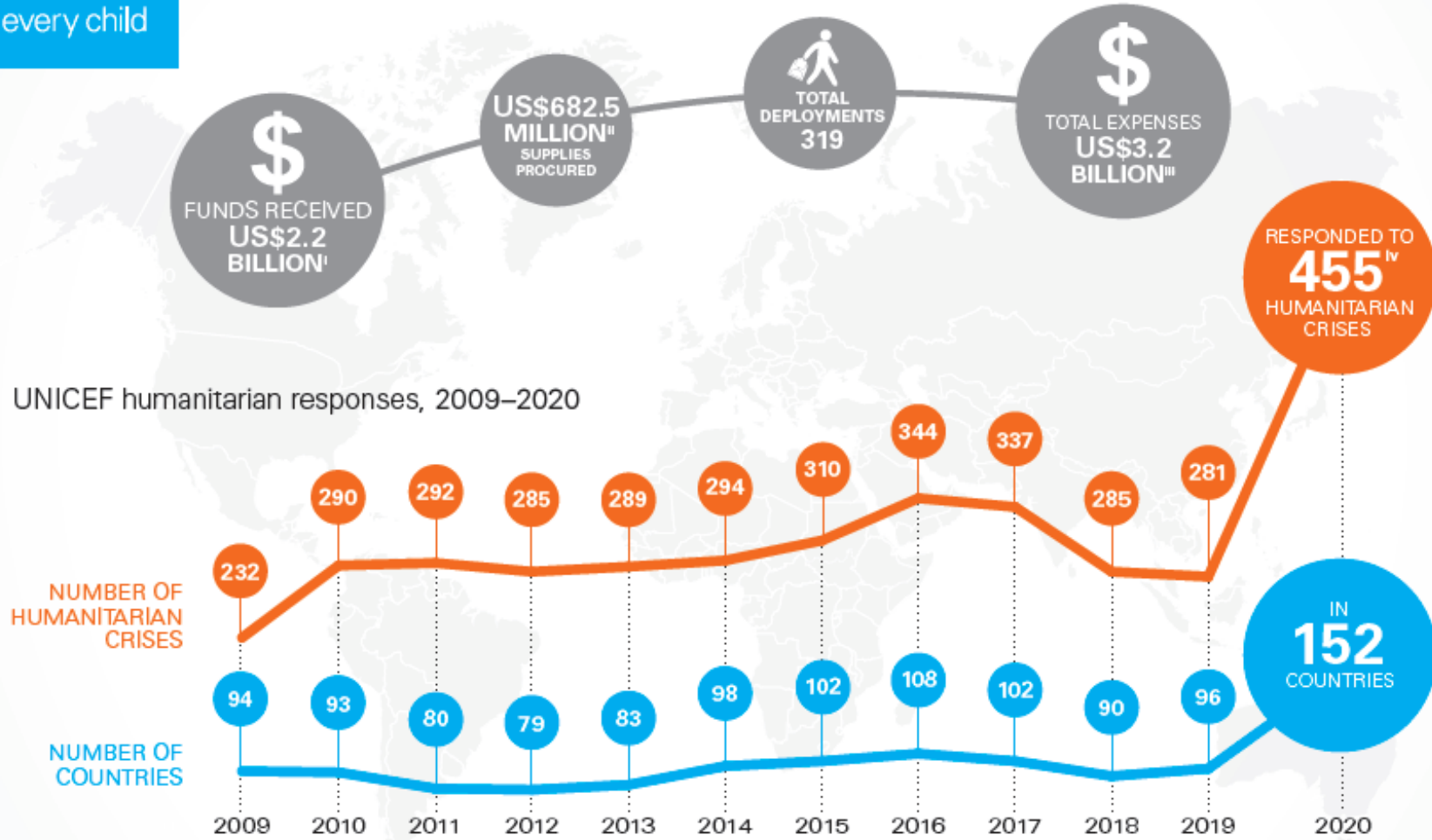
48 million
households benefited from
social protection and cash
assistance



**CASH-BASED
TRANSFERS**

Global response in 2020

In 2020, 152 country offices responded to 455 humanitarian crises, reaching millions of children with life-saving, gender-sensitive and disability-inclusive interventions.



ⁱ The figure is based on emergency contributions received in 2020, recognized as other resources – emergency.

ⁱⁱ This total includes all programme supplies going to Level 2 and Level 3 emergencies; all programme supplies for any new Level 2 or Level 3 emergencies, from the date they are declared; specific relevant orders for the countries in which only a region or part of the country is in an emergency; and specific supplies flagged as emergency supplies in countries facing Level 1 crises. Of the US\$682.5 million, US\$545.3 million is other resources – emergency.

ⁱⁱⁱ The figure represents expenses of emergency funds (other resources – emergency) received in 2020 and funds available from the previous year.

^{iv} The significant increase in the number of humanitarian crises and countries can be attributed to UNICEF's humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 153 countries and territories, which represents the largest humanitarian response – and the first global emergency response – in the history of the organization.

Key humanitarian responses in 2020

Four Level 3 emergencies

- Global COVID-19 pandemic
- Ebola crisis in Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Protracted crises in the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen

Three Level 2 emergencies

- Complex crises in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and the Niger)
- Internal displacement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



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Challenges and adaptations

Humanitarian response in the context of COVID-19

- ‘Stay-and-deliver’ while adapting to the new ways of working in line with programme criticality assessments.

Needs escalate while many crisis remain unfunded

- Strengthened advocacy for increase in funding for humanitarian action, especially the flexible resources.

Limited in-person surge deployments

- Adapting through roll-out of a surge protocol with viable alternative modalities /remote deployment.

Insecure contexts with limited humanitarian access

- Finding innovative ways to scale up programming, such as remote implementation and monitoring.



Future workplan

- Implement the recommendations of the Humanitarian Review
- Roll out the revised CCCs
- Revise emergency procedures
- Strengthen preparedness and risk analysis
- Improve accountability to affected populations
- Continue effective response to COVID-19
- Support the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out



Thank you.